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**MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 28 PERCENT ABOVE 2003 LEVEL**

**May 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 5.5 million hundredweight, 28 percent above the May 1, 2003 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.5 million hundredweight, up 67 percent from 2003 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 4.0 million hundredweight, up 18 percent from 2003.

**MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION**

Region 1/	May 1, 2003		May 1, 2004	
	Stocks 2002 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2003 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	1,000 Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
MN Area 1	900	21	1,500	27
MN Area 2	3,400	79	4,000	73
State Total	4,300	100	5,500	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahanomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on May 1, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003		
	Prod	Stocks May 1, 2003 <sup>2</sup>	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks May 1, 2004 <sup>2</sup>	% of Prod
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent
CA <sup>3</sup>	4,316	1,000	23	3,444	1,200	35
CO	27,885	5,800	21	23,652	3,600	15
ID	133,385	34,500	26	123,180	33,500	27
ME	16,960	3,900	23	17,030	4,100	24
MI	13,878	1,000	7	15,015	1,600	11
MN <sup>3</sup>	18,810	4,300	23	22,330	5,500	25
MT	3,224	400	12	3,339	500	15
NE	8,611			9,860		
NY	5,500			6,510	450	7
ND	23,460	5,500	23	27,440	8,300	30
OH <sup>3</sup>	902			1,290		
OR	24,936	5,000	20	20,991	5,500	26
PA <sup>3</sup>	2,128			3,915	100	3
WA <sup>3</sup>	92,340	16,500	18	93,150	15,000	16
WI <sup>3</sup>	30,750	3,700	12	32,800	3,800	12
Other Sts		1,340			1,650	
15 Sts <sup>3</sup>	407,085	82,940	20	403,946	84,800	21

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

<sup>2</sup> Missing stocks combined into "Other Sts".

<sup>3</sup> 2002 production revised in *Field Crops, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication released March 17, 2004. Stocks will be revised in *Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication tentatively scheduled for release August 20, 2004.